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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ORGANIZED

1. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' IMMEDIATE STAFF NOW INCLUDES MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER GEORGE RALLIS, UNDER SECRETARY FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION PANAYOTIS LAMBRIAS AND UNDER SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER JOHN BOUTOS. RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF RALLIS AND BOUTOS HAVE NOW BEEN FURTHER DEFINED; RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNDER SECRETARY FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION, GOVERNMENT'S SPOKESMAN, REMAIN UNCHANGED.

2. RALLIS HAS BROAD RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST AND ADVISE PM IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING STATE ACTIVITIES; HE HAS AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE LEGISLATIVE AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREES, TO ACT AS PROVIDED BY LAW ON CERTAIN MATTERS ASSIGNED TO PRIME MINISTER, INCLUDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CENTRAL INFORMATION SERVICE (KYP) AND SECRETARIAT OF CABINET. MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER IS ALSO CHARGED WITH CO-SIGNING MINISTERIAL DECISIONS.

3. BOUTOS' JURISDICTION WILL INCLUDE YOUTH AND ATHLETICS, SUPERVISION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND

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SERVICES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER AND

PARLIAMENT, AND LEGAL PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS
BELONGING TO OR SUPERVISED BY THEM. BOUTOS WILL
HAVE RESPONSIBILITY "FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
OF WHICH THE KING OR A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
PARTICIPATES." (SIC)

4. BOTH RALLIS AND BOUTOS ARE TRUSTED CARAMANLIS
STALWARTS. BOUTOS' ACQUIRING IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY
OF YOUTH AND ATHLETICS AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES
FORMERLY LINKED TO ROYAL FAMILY, SUCH AS QUEEN'S
FUND, HANDICRAFT ORGANIZATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.
PLACE HEAVY LOAD ON ONE OF MORE ENERGETIC AND
YOUNGER CABINET MEMBERS. RALLIS' EXPANDED DUTIES
APPEAR TO MAKE HIM NEAR ALTER EGO FOR CARAMANLIS
INDICATING HIGH TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF THEIR
RELATIONSHIP.
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